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Brazeau County Mourns Long-time Reeve and Community Advocate Wes Tweedle

Brazeau County, Alberta, June 5, 2017 — Brazeau County is mourning the loss of a well-known political leader, community advocate and volunteer, with the passing of former Reeve Wes Tweedle.

“Wes loved being on Council and he loved this County,” says Reeve Bart Guyon. “He was the longest-serving member of Council and that is a significant contribution for anyone to make.”

Tweedle served as a Councillor from 1989 to 1994, and as Reeve from 1994 to 1996, and again from 2004 to 2013. In 2012, he was recognized for his contributions to Lindale, Brazeau County, and the wider community with a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The widespread respect and love for Wes Tweedle comes from his contributions to the agricultural community, committees, boards, and other community activities which has helped shape Brazeau County into the place it is today. He was well known for his warm smile and the caring he showed everyone around him.

Division 1 Councillor Shirley Mahan says, “Wes was the first Reeve I served under, and he was my mentor. He was fair, kind, and had a sense of humour. I had the best trip with him and his wife Julia to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference – we laughed so much. He was very well respected, and did his best for the whole community.”

“I knew Wes to be a man of integrity and kindness and one I truly honour for the respect he showed others,” says Division 2 Councillor Rita Moir. “He will be deeply missed in our community.”

"Wes was a politician who was a statesman, a farmer who was an integral member of a rural community, and most importantly a caring family man," says Division 3 Councillor Marc Gressler.

Division 4 Councillor Kara Westerlund says, "Wes was a man of integrity. His dedication and volunteerism will be felt in this community for years to come. I had the honour and privilege to work alongside a great man. Our community has lost a great leader."

"Wes was respected because he cared about the community," says Division 5 Councillor Anthony Heinrich. "He will be missed by all. I would like to offer my condolences to his family and friends."

Division 6 Councillor Maryann Thompson says, "Wes Tweedle was a kind, soft spoken man who cared for his family and community. He gave tirelessly to help make our Brazeau County a place to be proud to call home. He will be missed by all who had the privilege to know him. My condolences to his family. Good bye Wes, till we meet again!"

"I had the privilege to work with Wes Tweedle who guided me through good and challenging times resulting in a relationship of trust and respect," says Chief Administrative Officer Marco Schoeninger. "Wes taught me that one does not have to cause ripples in the water to communicate and work with others, rather be open to listening and hearing before acting. Wes' mentorship only mirrored by his great sense of humour has been a positive influence which will resonate with me forever. His absence will be missed however his words will be with us forever."

The Brazeau County family extends our deepest sympathy to Wes's family, particularly the love of his life Julia, during this difficult time. The flags at the Brazeau County Administration Building are flying at half-mast today, and will remain that way until dusk on June 8th. The funeral will be held at St. Anthony's Church at 10:30 a.m. on June 8th.

Residents are invited to write their condolences to the Tweedle family in a book in the lobby of the Brazeau County Administration Building.